

Good morning .

Over the past weekend, a number of demonstrations took place across the country.

Some were carried out peacefully and in accordance with the law.

This is thanks to local law enforcement, as well as residents and businesses, who showed patience, understanding and respect for the rule of law during the protests.

The people of Ottawa, however, have had to endure significant disruption to their daily lives as a result of the occupation.

There have been numerous incidents of intimidation, harassment, violence and hate.

Many residents have been effectively held hostage in their own city, blockaded by an angry, loud, intolerant, and violent crowd.

While everyone believes in the right to free speech, this occupation has crossed the line of acceptable conduct towards other citizens, many times.

There's been some progress over the last 12 hours and there needs to be more progress, more quickly.
500 tickets. Charges laid.

In the weeks that follow, we'll need to be really clear that we can't find ourselves in a similar situation again.

We are also very alarmed by the ongoing situation at the Coutts Border Crossing, where a group of blockaders continues to impede access to Alberta's most important link to the US.

There should be no differences across political parties on this, by the way....it would be a terrible precedent to say if you show up with heavy equipment and blockade the capital city you can force reckless change public policy.

It's been surprising that some who say they believe in law and order seem not to get this point.

Mais pour l'instant, voici ce que nous faisons pour soutenir la ville et le Service de police d'Ottawa, qui est responsable de l'application des lois locales.

Depuis le début, le gouvernement fédéral est là pour soutenir la ville et le SPO. Au cours de l'évolution de la situation, la GRC a approuvé les demandes successives de ressources supplémentaires.

À la suite d'un appel que j'ai eu avec le maire Watson la semaine dernière, j'ai pu confirmer que la GRC avait reçu et approuvé une demande d'agents additionnels.

Suite à une autre demande cette fin de semaine ci, d'autres agents ont été mis à leur disposition.

Depuis samedi, plus de 275 membres de la GRC sont disponibles pour aider le Service de police d'Ottawa et travailler sous son commandement.

La GRC est en pourparlers avec le SPO, la PPO et d'autres partenaires policiers et évaluera et adaptera son soutien en fonction de l'évolution de la situation.

J'exige des mises à jour opérationnelles tout au long de la journée et des séances d'information quotidiennes du commissaire et de mes représentants pour m'assurer que nous mettons fin au convoi et que nous rétablissons la loi et l'ordre.

Je discute avec mes homologues provinciaux et municipaux et j'ai parlé avec le solliciteur général de l'Ontario, le ministre Jones, le premier ministre Kenney et le ministre Savage de l'Alberta, et bien sûr avec le maire d'Ottawa, M. Watson.

The Covid-19 pandemic is approaching it's second anniversary in Canada.

We all want to see a return to normal life, and a responsible evidence based easing of the guidelines and protocols. And that day is coming, soon.

Canadians have been incredibly united, and perseverant, through it all.

The approach our government offered was about using science and good faith efforts to protect ourselves and one another. Because people have chosen this path, thousands of lives have been saved.

We cannot allow an angry loud crowd to reverse a course that is saving lives, at the 11th hour.

This should never be a precedent for how to make policy in Canada.

We believe in peace, order and good government in Canada.

The stories from communities across the country of people sticking together and giving back have somehow made the last year a little easier, and we can't give up on each other now.

More than ever we need to support each other, and to work side by side regardless of level of government or party stripe to take care of one another.

Canadians deserve to feel safe in their communities.

Thank you. Merci.